

Amendments to the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Hybrid riser configuration comprising a plurality of steel riser pipes ~~(10)~~ substantially inserted in aluminium guide conduits ~~(9)~~, with buoyancy means ~~(6)~~ and tethering tension means, the guide conduits ~~(9)~~ and the riser pipes ~~(10)~~ being rigidly connected to a base ~~(5)~~ anchored to the ocean floor. The guide conduits ~~(9)~~ serve as the tethering tension means and as radial constraint for the respective riser pipe ~~(10)~~ therein to allow the riser pipe to buckle in elastic deformation (Euler) to form a spiral when expanding due to service pressure and temperature. A method for installing the riser configuration is also disclosed.